

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **March 27, 2019** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room C on the third floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Susan Barrett
Carol Goldberg, Esq.
Lawrence Lefland, OD
Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Regina A. Strand, OD
Lawrence M. Sweeney

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Hearing Officer
Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the November 28, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Barrett, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

Dr. Pavano arrived at 9:04 a.m.

II. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE

B. Anthony Rao, OD – Petition No. 2018-667

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Stephanie Sobkowiak was present on behalf of Dr. Rao.

Ms. Goldberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barrett, to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Blondin signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$9500.00 civil penalty.

Dr. Strand arrived at 9:08 a.m.

Andrew Freilich, OD – Petition No. 2018-686

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney John Morrone was present on behalf of Dr. Freilich.

Ms. Goldberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barrett, to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Blondin signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$9500.00 civil penalty.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Phyllis Liu, OD – Petition No. 2018-85

Dr. Liu was present with Attorney Gregory Pepe regarding her request for modification of a Consent Order which was adopted by the Board on September 12, 2018. Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health.

Mr. Sweeney arrived at 9:16 a.m.

The Board heard argument from Attorney Pepe and Attorney Wilan. Following discussion and advice from Hearing Officer's Yandow and Gaither, Dr. Strand made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lefland, to modify the Consent Order with regard to the need for a guardian to be present when patients under 18 are seen; random alcohol screening; and respondent's search for another optometrists or optician to be employed in the practice. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Lefland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, to authorize Dr. Blondin to sign the modification Order when written.

IV. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **June 12, 2019** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room C on the third floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – *via telephone*
Susan Barrett – *via telephone*
Carol Goldberg, Esq. – *via telephone*
Lawrence Lefland, OD – *via telephone*
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – *via telephone*
Regina A. Strand, OD – *via telephone*
Lawrence M. Sweeney – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the March 27, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Barrett, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

II. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **September 18, 2019** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room C on the third floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – *via telephone*
Susan Barrett – *via telephone*
Carol Goldberg, Esq. – *via telephone*
Lawrence Lefland, OD – *via telephone*
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – *via telephone*
Regina A. Strand, OD – *via telephone*
Lawrence M. Sweeney – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Hearing Officer

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the June 12, 2019 meeting were approved, as edited, on a motion by Ms. Barrett, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

II. New Business

A. Reinstatement after practicing with a lapsed license

Deborah Brown, Health Program Associate, DPH Practitioner Licensing Unit explained the current policy regarding practitioners who have continued to practice after their license has expired and are seeking reinstatement. The current policy requires a reinstatement consent order which imposes a reprimand and a civil penalty which is calculated based on the time period the practitioner has continued to practice.

Ms. Goldberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lefland to endorse DPH's current policy/
The motion passed unanimously.

III. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Lefland, seconded by Ms. Barrett.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **November 20, 2019** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in Conference Room C on the third floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – *via telephone*
Susan Barrett – *via telephone*
Carol Goldberg, Esq. – *via telephone*
Lawrence Lefland, OD – *via telephone*
Joseph Pavano, III, OD – *via telephone*
Regina A. Strand, OD – *via telephone*
Lawrence M. Sweeney – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes from the September 18, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Goldberg, seconded by Ms. Barrett.

II. Schedule Meeting Dates for 2020

Dr. Blondin will send a list of dates to the Board liaison

III. Adjourn

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m. on a motion by Ms. Barrett, seconded by Ms. Goldberg.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists